GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2264
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PRIVATISATION IN RAILWAYS
AKHILESH SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have privatised some of the railway services;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the norms adopted therefor;

(c) the work handed over to the private companies in the first phase alongwith the date thereof, company-wise;

(d) whether the Government have received complaints against favouritism adopted while assigning computerised railway reservation counters to private parties;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): No passenger services have been privatized.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) to (f): Computerised Passenger Reservation System (PRS) terminals have been allotted to three Rail Travellers' Service Agents (RTSAs) in Mumbai area of Central Railway on an experimental basis. After finalisation of the names of these three RTSAs by a selection committee, a Writ Petition was filed in the Hon'ble High Court of Mumbai against this decision. Hon'ble High Court has disposed off the petition directing the Railway to decide representation made by the petitioner. The representation of the petitioner was disposed off as per Hon'ble High Court's directives. The petitioner has again filed a writ petition before Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, which is subjudice.